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HOGSETT ANNOUNCES SOUTHERN INDIANA MAN RECEIVES TEN YEAR SENTENCE FOR TRAFFICKING MORE THAN ONE TON OF MARIJUANA

Sentence is another southern Indiana success in ongoing Violent Crime Initiative

PRESS RELEASE

NEW ALBANY – Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced the sentencing by United States District Court Chief Judge Richard L. Young of Aaron Richey, age 32, of Underwood, to 10 years in prison for his role in a marijuana distribution conspiracy. Richey is one of twelve defendants charged in the case.

Richey was found to have participated in a conspiracy that involved the distribution of more than one ton (1,000 kilograms) of marijuana from Mexico to southern Indiana and Kentucky over a period of several years. On April 12, 2011, a federal court search warrant was executed at Richey's residence at 1751 Werewolf Lane, Underwood. During the search, officers located several packages of marijuana, along with fourteen firearms. Several of the firearms were discovered in a gun safe within which Richey also stored marijuana. In addition to the firearms, Richey also possessed a bullet proof vest.

The charges were the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, the Indiana State Police, the Washington County Drug Task Force, the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations Division, and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Brookman, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Richey was also sentenced to 5 years supervised release upon release from the prison sentence.

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